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Effective **January 1, 2006**, Medicare will offer insurance coverage for prescription drugs through Medicare prescription drug plans. **You can sign up for this program beginning November 15.**

I'm here to help you in any way I can. **My goal is for you to take full advantage of this opportunity.** I know government bureaucracies can sometimes be hard to navigate; that's why I've prepared my office to help you through the process.

I think you will find the information provided in this mailing helpful. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me toll free at 1-800-562-6000 (TTY: 1-800-635-9993) or (360) 786-7980.

We stand ready to help you!

Sincerely,

Rep. Doug Ericksen
42nd District

Medicare Prescription Drug Plan

- Anyone with Medicare Part A and/or Part B can join a Medicare prescription drug plan in their area. Your options will depend on the type of coverage you have now.
- Insurance companies and local pharmacies will work with Medicare to offer these plans.
- For more information, please visit: <http://www.medicare.gov/MedicareReform/>

If you have any questions about the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, you can:

- **Contact my office toll free at 1-800-562-6000 (TTY: 1-800-635-9993) or (360) 786-7980.**
- Go to www.medicare.gov and use Medicare's online enrollment center.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and talk to a Medicare customer service representative (TTY: 1-877-486-2048).
- Ask for an application from the company offering the prescription drug plan you choose.

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